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SUBJECT: LATE RESULTS ON THE PENNSYLVANIA PRIMARY

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM EAGLEBURGER

1. VOTING RETURNS:

A. JIMMY CARTER'S DECISIVE VICTORY IN YESTERDAY'S
PENNSYLVANIA PRIMARY HAS ESTABLISHED HIM AS THE MOST
LIKELY DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE FOR PRESIDENT. WITH 99PCT OF THE
VOTE RECORDED, THE DEMOCRATIC TOTALS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

CARTER 37 PERCENT

JACKSON 25

UDALL 19

WALLACE 11

OTHERS 8

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B. IN THE RACE FOR THE 178 DELEGATE POSITIONS, THE
BREAKDOWN WITH 89 OF VOTE IN IS AS FOLLOWS:

CARTER 65
UDALL 23
JACKSON 17

SHAPP 17
WALLACE 3
UNCOMMITTED 46

JACKSON FORCES CLAIM THE SHAPP DELEGATES AS THEIR OWN;
BUT THE UNCOMMITTED DELEGATES WILL GO FOR WHOMEVER
THEIR LABOR OR ORGANIZATION BACKERS DICTATE. CARTER
IS EXPECTED TO END UP WITH ABOUT 70 COMMITTED DELEGATES
WHEN ALL THE RETURNS ARE TABULATED.

2. ADDITIONAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

A. THE LABOR VOTE -- ACCORDING TO THE NBC POLL, UNION
FAMILIES SUPPORTED CARTER BY A CONVINCING MARGIN,
GIVING HIM 40 OF THEIR VOTES TO JACKSON'S 28 AND UDALL'S
14. AFTER THEIR MUCH-BALLYHOOED ORGANIZATIONAL EFFORT,
THE IMPRESSION IS REINFORCED THAT, AS GEORGE WILL PUT
IT, "LABOR CAN'T SPREAD THE FLU IN THESE CAMPAIGNS."

B. THE LIBERAL VOTE -- ALTHOUGH UDALL CARRIED THE
PHILADELPHIA SUBURBS BY VERY SLIM MARGINS, HE LOST THE
LIBERAL VOTE STATEWIDE TO CARTER.

C. THE BLACK VOTE -- DESPITE THE "ETHNIC PURITY" FLAP,
CARTER CONTINUED TO ENJOY COMFORTABLE PLURALITY SUPPORT
FROM BLACK VOTERS STATEWIDE. OUTSIDE OF PHILADELPHIA
(WHERE BLACKS ARE INTEGRATED INTO THE DEMOCRATIC MACHINE),
CARTER PILED UP LANDSLIDE MAJORITY TOTALS FROM BLACK
VOTERS.

D. THE HHH FACTOR -- THE CBS-NYT POLL OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEMOCRATS PROVIDED THE ONE DISCONCERTING INDICATOR FOR
THE CARTER BANDWAGON. THE POLL REPORTED THAT IF HUMPHREY'S
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NAME HAD BEEN ON THE BALLOT, HE COULD HAVE WON THE
PRIMARY WITH NEARLY HALF THE VOTE. HUMPHREY IS MOVING
VERY CAUTIOUSLY, HOWEVER, CANCELLING A STRATEGY SESSION
WHICH WAS SCHEDULED FOR TODAY, AND STATING LAST NIGHT:
"I WANT TO SEE THE DEMOCRATS WIN. IF JIMMY CARTER CAN
WIN, I'M NOT GOING TO TRY TO STOP HIM AT ALL." CARTER
HAS ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION TO CONCENTRATE ON THE
NEW JERSEY PRIMARY ON JUNE 8, MEETING THE STRONG

UNCOMMITTED (READ HUMPHREY) SLATE HEAD ON THERE; SO HHH'S DECISION NOT TO FORMALLY ENTER THAT PRIMARY WILL PROBABLY REMAIN FIRM.

E. CASH AND THE JACKSON AND UDALL CAMPAIGNS -- SOME ADVISER IN BOTH CAMPS ARE BEGINNING TO ADVOCATE THEIR CANDIDATE'S WITHDRAWAL, BUT THIS WOULD BE EXTREMELY UNLIKELY FOR EITHER MAN. HOWEVER, FUNDRAISING SHOULD BECOME EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR BOTH CANDIDATES IN THE WAKE OF THIS

CONVINCING CARTER WIN. JACKSON WILL STAY IN THE RACE, BUT RADICALLY CHANGE HIS CAMPAIGN TACTICS TO EMPHASIZE AN ELECTRONIC MEDIA STRATEGY. HE IS NOW PERMANENTLY BRANDED AS HHH'S STALKING HORSE, AND WHILE MANY PEOPLE MIGHT VOTE FOR A SURROGATE, THEY WON'T GIVE HIM MONEY.

F. BENEFITS FOR CARTER -- THE FRONTRUNNER SHOULD SWEEP THE PRIMARIES IN INDIANA, GEORGIA, AND ALABAMA THIS COMING WEEK, WITH HIS ONLY HURDLE BEING COMPETITION FROM A WEAKENING BENTSEN SLATE IN TEXAS. MORE IMPORTANTLY, CARTER CAN ALSO EXPECT TO RECEIVE VALUABLE ENDORSEMENTS FROM WOODCOCK'S UAW AND OTHER LIBERAL UNIONS BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PRIMARY ON MAY 18 NOW THAT HE HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT HE CAN WIN BIG IN A NORTHERN INDUSTRIAL STATE.

3. EAGLEBURGER PREDICTION: I SEE NO REALISTIC WAY TO STOP CARTER NOW. MY OWN VIEW IS THAT, BARRING A MIRACLE, HE HAS PRETTY WELL WRAPPED UP THE NOMINATION.
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